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Nikolaius Georgievich BARATOFF, born 18 June 1905 in St. Petersburg, Russia, who arrived in the United States in August 1951 from Bremerhaven, Germany, has alleged that from 1945-1951 he directed a self-organized and personally-financed "intelligence unit" which conducted systematic observation of an extensive Soviet intelligence apparatus operating in Europe. On the basis of information allegedly furnished by members of his "intelligence unit," BARATOFF has asserted that the following individuals, are Soviet agents: Ivan SWAICHWILI, Mikhail KEMIA, S. BACON, Mikhail AMETZKA, Mikhail KAMIE, (Aron) George Nikolavich KAMIE, and Leonid KAMIEF-MIKHOV. According to BARATOFF, documents that will substantiate the allegations against the above individuals are currently hidden in Hamburg and other cities in Germany.

BARATOFF alleged that his "intelligence unit" was composed of six persons during the period 1945-1951, including Nina FIDORE, now deceased, and Carl DULKEITH, aka BACON. BARATOFF has refused to disclose the other four members of his alleged network. According to BARATOFF, a portion of the documents hidden in Germany, which were obtained by Nina FIDORE, contain the names, number, and country of assignment of all Soviet agents operating under Ivan SWAICHWILI throughout the world. BARATOFF further alleged that among the documents furnished to him are charts, diagrams, and official directives issued to Ivan SWAICHWILI by the "NKVD." He said that some of the documents furnished to him contain not only the name and country of assignment of these Soviet agents, but also contain a description and purpose of each agent's mission.

BARATOFF furnished the following information concerning Carl DULKEITH, who allegedly was a member of BARATOFF's network: He is a cousin of former General KUTV of the Russian Imperial Army; Age: 46(1951); Height: 5'6"; Weight: 165 lbs; Hair: black; Marital Status: single; During World War II, DULKEITH was engaged as an agent for E. ENGELHART, Chief of the Eastern Staff of the Geopap until the capitulation of Germany in 1945. In late 1948 or early 1949, DULKEITH was offered a job as a Soviet agent by his former employer, ENGELHART, who was residing in Geneva, Switzerland. On BARATOFF's advice, DULKEITH accepted this offer and since that time has been supplying the Soviets with largely fictitious information concerning anti-Communist groups in the Hamburg area, for which he received three hundred marks a month from ENGELHART. DULKEITH also furnished BARATOFF with information concerning ENGELHART's activities and associates. BARATOFF further advised that DULKEITH is currently living in Hamburg, (Mailing address- Post Office Box 1062). DULKEITH, according to BARATOFF, currently has in his possession a portion of the documents obtained by BARATOFF's network.

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BARATOFF furnished the following information concerning Nina KIRODSE, who was another alleged member of E. KNEBEL's network prior to her death in June 1951: She was born in Tiflis, Georgia, Russia in about 1914. She and E. KNEBEL were childhood friends. KIRODSE was a journalist in Russia, and she left Russia in 1940 reportedly for Warsaw, Poland, where she worked for Polish Intelligence prior to and during the beginning of World War II. BARATOFF further advised that KIRODSE went to Berlin in 1943, where she became the mistress of Mikhail KEDIA, who was then employed by the German Gestapo. From 1946 until she committed suicide in June 1951, she made many trips from her residence in Munich, Germany, to Geneva, Switzerland, to see Mikhail KEDIA. KEDIA is described by BARATOFF as the Chief Organizational Director of all Soviet civilian espionage agents in Europe; he is the Soviet superior of E. KNEBEL-CHALFT, who is the Director of Soviet intelligence activities in Munich and Hamburg, Germany, according to BARATOFF. BARATOFF claims that KIRODSE, while KEDIA's mistress, had access to all secret documents in KEDIA's possession and that she stole or photographed many of these documents, which she subsequently furnished to BARATOFF.

BARATOFF further advised that Nina KIRODSE, through her association with Mikhail KEDIA, became acquainted with Ivan S. CHAISHVILI, who, according to BARATOFF, is the Soviet superior of KEDIA. BARATOFF claims that CHAISHVILI is an "NKVD" agent in charge of the Republic of Georgia, Russia, delegation of the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland, and that he is using this position as a front to send Soviet agents throughout the world, by furnishing them with identity cards obtained from the International Red Cross. BARATOFF further alleged that KIRODSE has stolen or photographed numerous secret documents concerning Soviet intelligence matters which were in the possession of CHAISHVILI, and that she had turned over all of these documents to BARATOFF.

BARATOFF further advised that Mikhail ALSHIBAYA worked for Mikhail KEDIA in 1944 in the Gestapo, and that he is now working for KEDIA as a Soviet agent, while residing in Munich, Germany. BARATOFF stated that he has documentary proof which will substantiate the fact that ALSHIBAYA is furnishing intelligence information to KEDIA.

BARATOFF advised that Mikhail KURAKIN, an attorney, who resides in Bern, Switzerland, is also a Soviet agent. According to BARATOFF, KURAKIN works as a consultant at the Soviet Embassy in Geneva, Switzerland.

BARATOFF stated that he had obtained information from Nina KIRODSE that Baron Georgi Nikolaevich VRANGEL was a Soviet agent whose Soviet superior was Mikhail KURAKIN, mentioned above. BARATOFF stated that Mikhail KURAKIN is VRANGEL's cousin, and that VRANGEL had personally advised BARATOFF that he, VRANGEL, had been

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Furnishing information to [redacted]. [redacted] allegedly admitted to BARATOFF that he had received several [redacted] marks from KULANIN for his services. BARATOFF stated that VASEL was residing in Hamburg, Germany (exact address unknown) as of the latter part of 1951. BARATOFF furnished the following description of VASEL: Age: about 42; Height: 6'0"; Weight: 180 lbs; Build: Slender; Hair: Brown; Characteristics: Large lower lip.

BARATOFF stated that Leonid VASILIE-DASHNEV, currently residing in Hamburg, Germany (exact address unknown) is a Soviet agent. According to BARATOFF, VASILIE-DASHNEV sends his information directly to an "HELVET" contact in Berlin, Germany, although his Soviet superior is the above-mentioned Mikhail KULANIN in Bern, Switzerland. BARATOFF claims that Leonid VASILIE-DASHNEV resided in Berlin, Germany at the end of World War II, and that at that time acted as an interpreter for the Soviet military authorities there. BARATOFF claims that while acting as an interpreter for the Soviets, VASILIE-DASHNEV was also informing the Soviets of the whereabouts and activities of former White Russian officers. BARATOFF furnished the following description of VASILIE-DASHNEV: Age: About 43; Height: 5'11"; Weight: 200 lbs; Hair: Brown, receding hair line; Build: Stocky; Nationality: Russian (former Czarist officer); Marital status: Divorced.

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